

## FEEL NO ALARM OVER INCREASE OF CONTAGION

City Free of Smallpox and Diphtheria,  
Tuberculosis and Other Diseases Take  
Firm Hold.

The number of contagious diseases developing in Rock Island in November outnumbered those of October by over three to one, but the feeling of optimism relative to the contagious disease situation for the last year still prevails, as last month's record is made up of miscellaneous cases and no threatened epidemic of any one disease.

In fact, the report of Dr. A. N. Mueller, city health commissioner, shows that there has not been a case of smallpox or diphtheria reported for over a month.

Probably the most serious development of last month was the showing of one case of infantile paralysis. Scarlet fever was on the increase, but not alarmingly. In October there were 18 contagious disease cases and in November there were 67 such cases reported.

Pneumonia increased during November. There were nine cases reported and four deaths. In October seven cases were reported and four deaths. Mumps leads the list of the diseases being the most prevalent. There were 25 cases reported. Five new cases of tuberculosis were reported and four deaths. Of the other cases there were eight of scarlet fever, two of chickenpox, one of whooping cough, one of typhoid fever, four of measles and one of meningitis.

**One Arrest Made.**  
Dr. Mueller and Health Officer H. H. Harris were insistent that all cases of contagious disease be reported immediately to them regardless of whether or not a physician is called in attendance. They cited the law that families are as much liable to penalty as physicians when not reporting cases of contagious disease.

Monday C. Osterwalder, 1244 Fourteenth street, was arrested on a charge of not reporting chickenpox at his home. He was arraigned before Justice Joseph P. Kelly and fined \$3. The fine, however, was remitted.

The remainder of the report tendered the city commissioners Monday afternoon by Dr. Mueller showed 10 cases to have been investigated during the month, 20 school permits issued and no vaccinations. Burial permits numbered 32. There were 43 births, 19 male and 24 female. Deaths within the city numbered 23, 24 male and 5 female.

**Inspector's Report.**  
The combined report of Health Officer H. H. Harris and Inspector L. K. Ehl follows:

Number of quarantines, 87; quarantines removed, 23; houses fumigated, 22; inspections—milk peddlers' outfits, 28; grocery stores, 12; restaurants, 9; meat markets, 12; peddlers selling miscellaneous commodities, 15; miscellaneous inspections, 16; rubbish hauled, 71 loads; garbage hauled, 94 loads; scales tested, 5; scales adjusted, 3; dry measures tested, 3; fees collected, \$7.45.

**DEFEAT GOVERNMENT.**  
London, Dec. 7.—The government was again defeated in the house of lords when an amendment proposing a new clause to the home rule bill, offered by the Marquis of Salisbury, was carried by a vote of 61 to 50.

## EX-SOLDIER GETS 30-DAY SENTENCE ON A VAG CHARGE

Charles Hardy, aged 35, claiming La Salle, Ill., as his home, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on a charge of vagrancy by Magistrate D. J. Cleland in police court Monday afternoon.

Hardy is a former soldier and combines his raiment equally between army and civilian clothing. He is said to have been loafing around the tri-cities for the last two months and was recently in the Davenport city jail. He had been told on numerous occasions to leave Rock Island. He was caught prowling Sunday night by detectives and as he has been long without a job he was sentenced as a vagrant.

## ODD FELLOWS ELECT.

Rock Island lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last evening and elected the following officers:

Noble grand—W. E. Douglas.  
Vice grand—E. L. McFarland.  
Recording secretary—Frank Beranek.  
Financial secretary—W. J. Ellsner.

Treasurer—J. A. Reid.  
Deputy grand master—J. A. Reid.  
Trustees—L. F. Damon, George Treknenschuh, E. H. Shelley, O. Wilson and W. Wanie.

Plans were made for the public installation of officers Monday, Jan. 3.

## MEATS FALL.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Wholesale prices of meats continued their downward trend last week, says a statement issued here by the Institute of American Meat Packers.

## EVERY PURCHASE

OF MEADOWBROOK Milk Chocolates and DELTANUT carries with it the guarantee that all ingredients which go into the manufacture of same are strictly pure and wholesome.

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## GETS OUT OF JAIL ONLY TO RETURN AGAIN

W. C. Miller Falls Game on Mrs. Striplin to the Extent of \$20 and Clothes.

W. C. Miller got out of the county jail yesterday after serving a sentence of 60 days, but today is on his way back in again, perhaps for a longer time. His completed sentence was served for vagrancy. His next will undoubtedly be for obtaining money under false pretenses. Miller was offered a chance to turn to immediately and earn some honest money, but he forsook the opportunity.

Miller was seen headed in the direction of Watertown this morning, and this fact was reported to Sheriff John G. Miller. Sheriff Miller put two and two together and called Mrs. Valle Striplin on the phone.

Mrs. Striplin, who works at Watertown state hospital, is the wife of Valle Striplin, who is serving sentence for impersonating an officer. Sheriff Miller learned from Mrs. Striplin that Miller had been to see her for the purpose of getting some money and clothing for her husband. She had fallen for the story and had given Miller \$20 and a suit case full of her husband's effects.

Deputies Hanna and August Sehnert went to Moline in search of Miller and found him on an East Moline street car. He was returned to the sheriff's office, where he was searched for the money he is reported to have secured. Less than \$5 was found on his person. But he was plainly carrying a load of liquor under his belt. He told where he had left the suit case.

When released yesterday, Miller was offered employment as a fireman in the heating plant of the court house. This was for the purpose of giving him a chance to get some change in his pockets. Instead he turned it down and went off in search of the easier lure. Now he won't be bothered much by the winter.

## FIFTH AVENUE

Perfect Ventilation

TONIGHT

"FORGED BRIDE"  
And comedy

—TOMORROW—

(Prize night)

"CITY OF PURPLE DREAMS"  
And Universal comedy

## BOOSTER CAMP OF WOODMEN ELECTS

Booster camp, No. 12423, at its annual election Monday night, J. C. Broadhead as consul. Other officers selected are:

Advisor—Andrew Dunlap.  
Banker—E. E. Potter.  
Clerk—E. B. Seline.  
Watchman—W. J. B. Evans.  
Escort—C. T. Newton.  
Sentry—E. M. Eastland.  
Trustee—T. M. Carron.  
Physician—Dr. J. R. Hollowbush.

The next meeting of Booster camp will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, at which time the newly elected officers will be installed. Smokes, eats and attendance prizes will be given.

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—IN—

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## CONTINUE CASE OF DEFENBAUGH UNTIL DEC. 10

E. O. Defenbaugh, rooming at 544

Twenty-sixth street, received a

third continuance before Magis-

trate D. J. Cleland in police court

Monday afternoon on the charge

filed against him of assault with

intent to commit murder. The de-

fendant has been at liberty since his

arrest a month ago under \$2,000

bond. The case is now set for hear-

ing on Dec. 10.

Defenbaugh is charged with hav-

ing assaulted and beaten Frank A.

Leithner, tailor, 1239 1/2 Second

avenue, on the night of Nov. 9. Leith-

ner has been receiving treatment

for his injuries at St. Anthony's hos-

pital. Defenbaugh is 55 years of

age and Leithner 68. The trouble

between the two men is said to have

been caused over alleged acts of

Leithner in turning out lights in the

rooms of a woman neighbor where

Defenbaugh was a caller.

## NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTOR HAS NAMES OMITTED

The attention of the Chamber of

Commerce has been called to many

errors claimed to exist in the new

telephone directory, recently is-

ssued by the company. An investi-

gation is being made with a view

to ascertaining why old established

firms in Rock Island have been

omitted. The Chamber would

precise information on the

any telephone subscriber

name or business is

listed or omitted. Such

tion should be transmitted to

secretary, or by calling Rock

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Commerce. An attempt will

be made to have the condition

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\$150 Dresses in this sale are 75.00  
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